



ARPA + Healthy Children's Fund Update and Planning

Whatcom Health and Community Services
Team

ARPA-Child Care Investment



- Memo highlights investments

Category	Project	Total Commitment	Status
Childcare Expansion	Laurel & Forest – Opportunity Council	\$200,000	Project Complete
Childcare Expansion	Laurel & Forest – Land Contribution	\$800,000	Project Complete
Childcare Expansion	Barkley Early Learning – YMCA	\$1,500,000	Project Complete
Childcare Expansion	Child Development Center - WWU	\$529,800	Contract Executed
Childcare Expansion	Home Based Provider Startup- Imagine	\$478,910	Contract Executed
Childcare Expansion	Meridian School District Early Learning	\$2,000,000	Contract Awarded
Childcare Expansion	Bellis Childcare – Opportunity Council	\$1,000,000	Contract Awarded
Childcare Expansion	Samish Commons – Housing Authority	\$1,093,637	Contract Awarded
Childcare Expansion	Mountainview - Ferndale SD	\$700,000	Contract Awarded
Childcare Stabilization	Kids World – Boys and Girls Clubs	\$757,036	Project Complete
Childcare Stabilization	Business Stabilization Grants	\$1,614,509	Project Complete
Childcare Stabilization	Healthy Children’s Fund Staffing	\$471,787	Project Complete
Childcare Stabilization	Provider and Family Supports	\$498,732	Contract Executed
Healthy Families	Single Entry Access to Services	\$118,540	Contract Executed
Childcare	Placeholder for cost overruns	\$1,030,686	

ARPA Childcare Slots Created & Preserved



With the ARPA investments, we have and will continue to see...

-550 new childcare slots created

-616 preserved childcare slots

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- **Executed Contracts**

- Early Learning & Care**

- Services: \$313,420 for childcare vouchers and autism services
 - Small Capital: Generations: \$67,000 for infant slots (pending 10.22 Council approval)

- Supporting Vulnerable Children**

- Expand & Enhance Services: \$208,600 contracted for doulas (40 referrals and 2 babies so far) and \$961,500 in basic needs to the Whatcom food banks and Opportunity Council
 - Coordinated Resources: \$400,000 for the SEAS line
 - Increase MH workforce and supports: \$1,037,730 to Mobile Mama, WCEL and Lydia Place
 - Increase Housing Stability: \$1,424,839 to Lydia Place and Ferndale Community Services

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- **Executed Contracts**

- Supporting Vulnerable Children (cont.)

- Expanding MH and BH services to children 0-5 and their families- \$723,914 to Brigid Collins and Ferndale School District-Contracts (pending 10.22 Council approval)

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- **Projects in process**

- EL&C

- \$1,294,000 Contract with BTC for workforce development
 - Drop-in childcare-\$500,000 contract in development
 - Innovative EL&C approaches-\$1.5 million-RFP closes 10/29
 - Create Regional ELC Hubs & Services-\$1 million Meridian Early Learning Hub
 - Childcare Subsidy: \$5 million-conversation with Council on 11/6

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- **Projects in process**

- Supporting Vulnerable Children

- Housing Stability: \$422,532 to Mercy Housing
 - Doula Services: \$21,910 one outstanding contract
 - Basic Needs: \$38,500 to Lydia Place

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- **Projects in planning**

- Create Regional ELC Hubs-\$1,000,000
- Small Capital Grants-\$1,000,000
- Expanding and Enhancing Parenting Supports-P2P support, Baby/Child Visiting Room at Stabilization Center and Hospital Based Social Worker for families with complex medical needs-\$960,000

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- **Contracted/Awarded Funding: \$5,157,002**
- **In Process: \$10,332,942**
- **Planning (non-committed) Funding:
\$2,960,000**

Current Implementation Plan



Ordinance AB2022-045

5. The initial 2-year Implementation Plan shall allocate no less than 55% and no more than 68% of levy revenue and proceeds to improving early learning and care through the strategies outlined in paragraph 3.A.1 and shall allocate no less than 20% and no more than 36% of levy revenue and proceeds to supporting vulnerable children through the strategies outlined in paragraph 3.A.2.
6. In subsequent years of the fund, adjustments can be made to the allocations by the County Council based on the information reflected in the independent audit, recommendations by the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force, the emergent needs of our community, and changes in state and federal funding availability.

Policy Questions



- Continue to have % assigned to the different areas?
- Ten ongoing strategies across a variety of areas, or more focused strategies?
- Which priorities rise to the top for you?